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		2. हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स, नई दिल्ली ।	6-6-85
		3. इंडियन एक्सप्रैस, मद्रास ।	30-5-85
		4. इकनामिक टाइम्स, वम्बई ।	26-5-85 29-5-85
		5. इंडियन नेशन, पटना	30-5-85 31-5-85
		6. स्टेट्समेन, कलकता	4-6-85

(ग) लौह स्क्रप की बिक्री की पेशकश उच्चतम बैंड टेंडर कर्त्ताओं को की गई थी । इस बिक्री के लिये टेंडर कर्त्ताओं से उचित जमानत के रूप में राशि जमा कराई गई थी ।

Rejection of Indian Goods by Importers

L019. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARDWAJ;

DR. H. P. SHARMA:

SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state;

(a) what are the details of different items of exports along with their value and quantum which were rejected by various importers of Indian goods during 1983, 1984 and so far during 1985; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to ensure that only goods of quality matching with the approved samples are exported?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Usually acceptance or refusal of goods is a matter between exporters and importers and this Ministry comes to know of such cases only when the parties aproach it with their complaints. Thus complete information as asked for is not available with this Ministry.

(b) For items covered under the purview of Compulsory quality Control and Preshipment Inspection under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 and which are exported on the basis of the approved samples, the Inspection Agencies recognised by the Government are empowered to carry out preshipment inspection and to ensure that the consignments offered by exporters conform to the approved samples and its technical characteristics. Certain items involving safety and health hazards are not allowed to be exported unless these terns conform to minimum safety standards also.

Abolition of Sales Tax

1020. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARDWAJ:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Wil: the Minister of FINANCE ba pleased to stale;

(a) whether Wanchoo Commission which went into the causes of genera tion and accumulation of black money in the country had made valuable re commendations which included the abolition of the system of sales tax and replacing it by excise duty:

(b) whether in the light thereof Government have already taken steps to withdraw sales tax from a number of items;

(c) what are the items in respect of which sales tax has already been abolised and the names of the items which are proposed to be exempted from sales tax in the near future; and

(d) whether consultations with State Government have been mgde in this regard; if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) • (a) to (d) The Direct Taxes Enquiry Committee (Wanchoo Committee) which submited their report in 1971 while going into the causes of tax evason, black money and its proliferation observed *inter alia* that the best way to get over the problem posed by the existing sales tax system would be to replace sales tax levy on various commodities, as far as possible by additional duty of excise. There has also been a demand from certain sections for abolition of sales tax and its replacement by additional excise duty. As Sales tax is a state subject of taxation, the matter was considered in a Conference of Chief Ministers held in September, 1980 and again in February 1981. In the later Conference an Expert Committee was set up to study the financial implications of the extension of additional excess duty in lieu of sales tax, which is applicable to tobacco, textiles and sugar, Vanaspati, drugs and medicines, cement, pape- and paper board and petroleum products and the manner in which the financial interests of he States could be safeguarded. The Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Kamlapati Tripathi M. P. submitted its report on 29th January,. 1983 which was considered in another Conference of the Chief Ministers held on 2-11-1983 In this Conference which some Chief Ministrs agreed in principle with the recommendations of the Tripathi Committee, others were opposed to the same. However it was resolved by the Conference that efforts should be made to bring about consensus amongst the States. As sales tax i_s mainly a State subject of taxation, any reform in the sales tax system can be undertaken only in consultation with and cooperation of the States. Efforts made so far have not resulted in reaching a consensus.

Construction of flats for Policy-holders by L^{IC}

1021. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Life Insurance Corporation proposes to construct flats for the policy hol ders during the current financial year and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The LIC is taking up the construction of 180 flats 1 houses in Phase II of their housing[1]